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Docket No.: 7638-US-PA
Application No.: 10/604,269

#### **REMARKS**

### Present Status of the Application

The Office Action allowed claims 1-6, 8, 10 and 11 and rejected claims 12-16, 20 and 21. The Office Action rejected claims 12-16, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Fujieda et al. (U.S. 6,781,647) in view of Itou et al. (U.S. 6,556,260).

Applicants have cancelled claims 12-16, 20 and 21. After entry of the foregoing amendments, the allowed claims 1-6, 8, 10 and 11 remain pending in the present application.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims are in propercondition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite
the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the
undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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